

**CITY OF WINCHESTER
NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD**

April 28, 2011

City Hall Exhibit Hall

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES & ACTION ITEMS

- I. Board Chair Dave Worthington welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. In attendance were Dave Worthington, Woody Bousquet, Jim Giraytys, Tom Hoy, and Gerald Crowell.
- II. Dave Worthington said that Gerald Crowell has one revision for the March minutes. Gerald suggested removing the line beginning with, "Flowering language" under the Recommendations section of number VII. Gerald Crowell made a motion to approve the March minutes as amended; seconded by Jim Giraytys, motion was approved.
- III. Status of Previous Action Items: Several members stated that they spoke with City Council members who were in support of the Natural Landscaping Zone proposal.
- IV. Natural Landscaping Action Plan Status: Dave Worthington asked all of the members to take one last look at the revised Natural Landscaping Zone proposal and email him any comments that they may have by Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Tom Hoy asked Dave to send him one copy of the final draft so that he could show it to Perry Eisenach and Jim O'Connor.
- V. Meeting with Ron Tuttle: Dave Worthington said that Jim Lawrence contacted Ron Tuttle and he would be available on Thursday, May 5, 2011 or he might be available for the next scheduled meeting. Dave said that he and Jim Lawrence would confirm with Ron Tuttle whether or not he is available to meet at the May 26, 2011 meeting. Tom Hoy asked if Ron Tuttle could bring a copy of the current Natural Landscaping Zone ordinance from Fairfax County as well as any educational material that is distributed to citizens. Dave asked Tom if he should see if this information could be emailed prior to the meeting if possible. Tom said that would be great. Dave said that he would check on it.
- VI. Comprehensive Plan Discussion: Dave said that Tim Youmans had one item that he was concerned with. Dave said that in reference to town run, Kelly Henshaw could not find that it had been designated as impaired by the state. Woody Bousquet said that it is part of the watershed and that is why it was included in the comprehensive plan. Woody said that he would change the wording to say "Abrams Creek Watershed, (including town run)." Woody said that he hopes the city will look at data that is provided by other entities such as Virginia Tech and Shenandoah University in addition to what the state provides.
- VII. Tree Commission Liaison Report: Gerald Crowell said that the April Tree Commission meeting was cancelled. He said that the city did hire a new Arborist and her name is Jennifer Hammer. He said that she has been working for the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources for 12

years. Gerald said that he believes Ms. Hammer will take the Arborist job in a completely new direction.

- VIII. New Items: Woody Bousquet said that he received an email from Jim Lawrence in regards to Abrams Creek and Shawnee Springs and since the Natural Resources Advisory Board has taken on the responsibility for the two projects, he hopes they can be moved from the side to front and center, once the comprehensive plan is wrapped up. He said that Jim Lawrence has started focusing energy toward a Shawnee Springs Management Plan. He said that he suggests letting the project go forward under Jim's leadership. He said that in regards to the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve, he thinks the Natural Resources Advisory Board members need to go on a walk through there for orientation of what is nice about the place and also to discuss some potential problems and challenges. He said that once the site visit is completed then the members can decide on what they need to focus on. The members agreed to begin the site visit on Friday, May 13, 2011 at Children of America. Woody said that one issue is a pump that a citizen installed several years ago and he submitted paperwork to the City Manager at that time. He said it was never removed and a replacement was installed beside the original pump. Tom Hoy asked if he could have a copy of the paperwork.

Woody Bousquet said that he spoke with Brad Veatch and Brad asked if the Natural Resources Advisory Board could speak to the Parks Utilization Committee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board about the Natural Landscaping Zones. Woody said that his plan would be to discuss the benefits such as the protection of water quality. He said the meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2011 at 5:30p.m. He said that the purpose of speaking to the committee is to describe the rationale of Natural Landscaping Zones.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

NO.	ACTION ITEM:	ASSIGNED TO:	TARGET DATE:	STATUS:
1	Review Natural Landscaping Zone Ordinance and email Dave Worthington any corrections.	Everyone	05/03/11	
2	Send clean copy of Natural Landscaping Zone ordinance to Tom Hoy.	Dave Worthington	05/03/11	
3	Confirm with Ron Tuttle about the May 26th meeting and check on getting a copy of the ordinance from Fairfax County and public education materials.	Jim Lawrence and Dave Worthington	05/26/11	
4	Compile a list of highlights for the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve site visit.	Woody Bousquet	05/13/11	
5	Email T'ai Roulston the time and date of the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve site visit	Dave Worthington	05/13/11	
6	Get a copy of the paperwork for the pump that was installed by a citizen in the Abrams Creek Wetlands Preserve.	Woody Bousquet	05/13/11	